

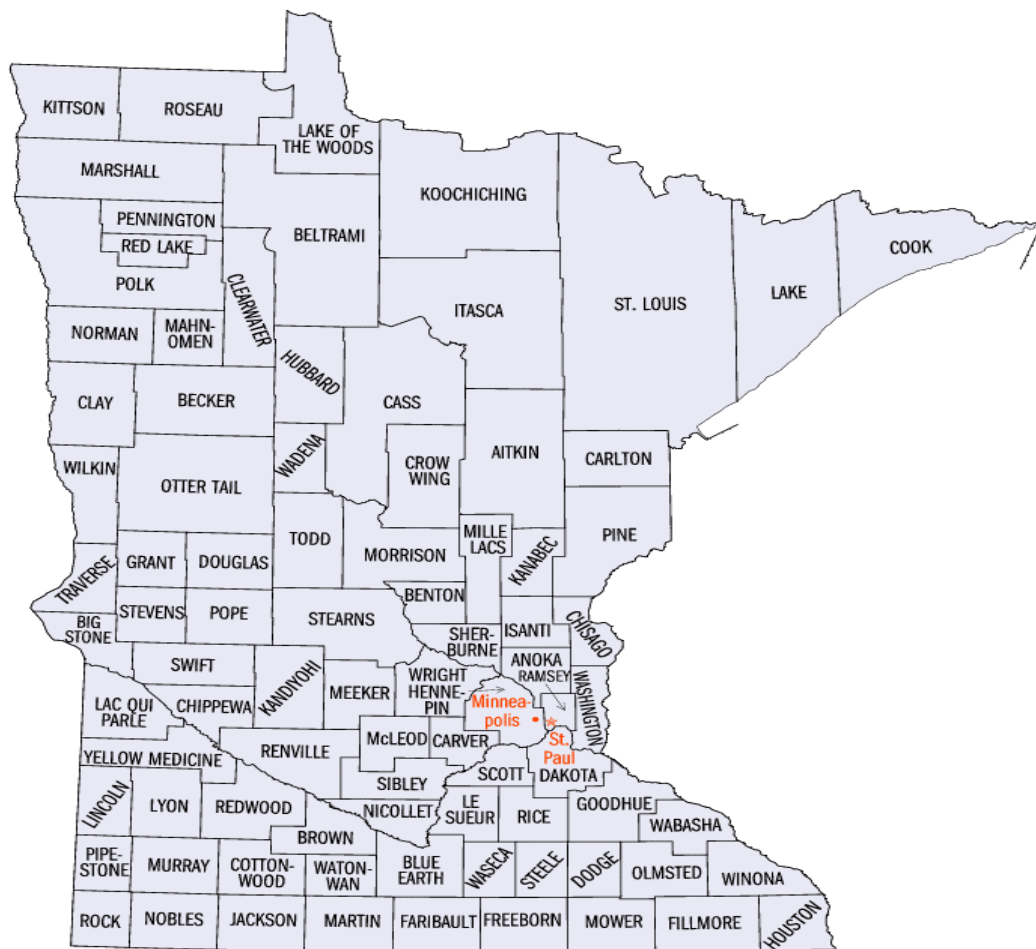
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Minnesota

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- Population: 5,019,720 (July 2002 estimate); 4,919,479 (2000 Census)
- Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 88.2% white; 3.4% black/African American; 1.1% American Indian/Alaska Native; 2.9% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.1% other race; 1.4% two or more races; 2.9% Hispanic/Latino (any race)

Politics

- Governor: Tim Pawlenty²
- Lt. Governor: Carol Molnau³
- Attorney General: Mike Hatch⁴
- Secretary of State: Mary Kiffmeyer⁵
- U.S. Senators: Norm Coleman (R), Mark Dayton (D)⁶
- U.S. Representatives (Districts 1-8, respectively): Gil Gutknecht, John Kline, Jim Ramstad, Betty McCollum, Martin Olav Sabo, Mark Kennedy, Collin C. Peterson, James L. Oberstar⁷

Programs/Initiatives

- State Agencies Focused on Effectiveness (SAFE)⁸
Created in September 1999 by former Minnesota Governor Ventura, the SAFE initiative is designed to ensure that the State's crime, violence, and drug abuse prevention efforts are coordinated.
- Office of Drug Policy and Violence Prevention⁹
This office within the Minnesota Department of Public Safety serves as a catalyst for statewide approaches to reducing and preventing crime, violence, and drug abuse.

Federal Funding

- Drug-Free Communities Support Program grantees in Minnesota:¹⁰
 - FY 2002:
 - \$100,000 to Partners in Hope, St. Cloud
 - \$100,000 to Tri-City Partners for Healthy Youth and Communities, Bloomington
 - \$88,365 to Northfield City Hospital Coalition, Northfield
 - FY 2001: \$53,961 to Chisholm KIDS PLUS, Chisholm
 - FY 2000: \$99,350 to Reduce the Use Coalition, Hopkins
 - FY 1999:
 - \$100,000 to Hennepin County Community Health Department, Minneapolis
 - \$100,000 to Minneapolis American Indian Center, Minneapolis
 - FY 1998:
 - \$100,000 to Community Partnership with Youth and Families, Chisago County

- \$99,100 to Parenting Resource Center, Inc., Austin
 - \$99,965 to Region Nine Development Coalition, Mankato
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed¹¹

There are twelve sites in Minnesota that have been officially recognized as Federal Weed and Seed sites: Burnsville, Cottage Grove, Duluth, Mahanomen, Minneapolis (three sites), Moorhead, and St. Paul (four sites).
- FY 2001/2002 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Formula and Discretionary Grant summary for Minnesota:¹²
 - Formula Funding: \$29,019,017
 - Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant - \$22,206,440
 - Community Mental Health Services Block Grant - \$5,897,230
 - Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) - \$507,000
 - Protection and Advocacy Formula Grant - \$408,347
 - Discretionary Funding: \$7,259,226
 - Mental Health - \$4,669,333
 - Substance Prevention - \$2,439,893
 - Substance Abuse Treatment - \$150,000
 - Total Mental Health Funds: \$11,481,910
 - Total Substance Abuse Funds: \$24,796,333
 - Total Funds for Minnesota: \$36,278,243
- FY 2002 Byrne Formula Grant Program amount awarded to Minnesota: \$8,456,474¹³
- There were no Minnesota recipients of the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant.¹⁴
- Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Formula Grant amounts allocated to Minnesota:¹⁵
 - FY 2002: \$516,900
 - FY 2001: \$458,309
 - FY 2000: \$446,715
 - FY 1999: \$445,366
 - FY 1998: \$460,733
 - FY 1997: \$213,608
 - FY 1996: \$190,895
- FY 2002 Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Methamphetamine Grant recipients in Minnesota:¹⁶
 - \$222,222 awarded to the Blaine Police Department
 - \$266,860 to the Minneapolis Police Department
- FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant recipients in Minnesota:¹⁷
 - \$125,000 to Little Earth Housing, Minneapolis
 - \$93,784 to St. Phillips Gardens, St. Paul
 - \$124,836 to Redeemer's Arms, Inc., St. Paul

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

- From July 2001 through June 2002, the 22 multi-jurisdictional narcotics task forces in Minnesota cumulatively investigated 8,037 cases, resulting in 4,381 arrests.¹⁸

- During 2001, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) reported making 359 arrests for drug violations in Minnesota.¹⁹

Number of DEA Drug Arrests, Minnesota, 1997-2001

Year	Arrests
1997	264
1998	317
1999	403
2000	350
2001	359

- There were 12,463 drug possession arrests in Minnesota during 2001 (all ages).²⁰

Arrests for Drug Possession, Minnesota, 2000-2001

Drug Type	2000	2001
Opium/cocaine	3,275	3,098
Marijuana	9,331	7,269
Synthetic	287	267
Other	1,538	1,829
Total	14,431	12,463

- There were 5,531 arrests for drug sales in Minnesota during 2001.²¹

Arrests for Drug Sales, Minnesota, 2000-2001

Drug Type	2000	2001
Opium/cocaine	790	863
Marijuana	6,782	3,462
Synthetic	16	26
Other	1,390	1,180
Total	8,978	5,531

- There were 32,078 arrests (all ages) in Minnesota for Part One crimes during 2001.²²

Number of Arrests for Part One Offenses, Minnesota, 2001

Offense	Arrests
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	121
Forcible rape	758
Robbery	971
Assault	3,922
Burglary	3,017
Larceny	20,722
Motor vehicle theft	2,355
Arson	212
Total Part One offense arrests	32,078

- Data from 2001 indicate that 53.6% of adult male arrestees in Minneapolis tested positive for marijuana at arrest.²³

Adult Male Arrestee Positive Drug Results, Minneapolis, 2001

Drug Type	Percent Positive
Cocaine	28%
Opiates	5.4
Marijuana	53.6
Methamphetamine	2.4
PCP	3.4
Any of above drugs	68.8
Multiple drugs	21.8

- Over sixty percent of Minneapolis adult male arrestees reported using marijuana in the past year. The arrestees used marijuana an average of 10.6 days within the past month.²⁴

Past Arrestee Drug Use, Minneapolis, 2001

Use	Crack Cocaine	Powder Cocaine	Marijuana	Meth-amphet.	Opiates
Past 7 days	14.0%	3.7%	50.0%	2.9%	2.7%
Past 30 days	15.6%	5.6%	56.7%	3.8%	2.8%
Past year	21.2%	11.6%	64.6%	6.7%	3.6%
Avg. # of days used in month	6.4	2.9	10.6	4.3	10.4

- In Minneapolis during 1999, 60.4% of the 841 adult male arrestees sampled, and 57.4% of the 162 adult female arrestees sampled tested positive for drugs at the time of their arrests.²⁵

Percent Positive for Drugs, By Offense Category, Minneapolis, 1999

Offense Category	Cocaine		Marijuana		Metham.		Any Drug	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Violent	19.8	7.1	49.2	28.6	0.8	0.0	57.9	35.7
Property	35.6	45.8	48.9	29.2	0.7	0.0	69.6	70.8
Drug	33.3	52.9	42.6	17.6	0.9	11.8	64.8	70.6
Sales	33.3	100.0	33.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	55.6	100.0
Possession	33.0	50.0	43.0	18.8	1.0	6.3	65.0	68.8
Prostitution	75.0	71.4	0.0	28.6	0.0	0.0	75.0	71.4
Other	27.6	31.3	44.2	28.1	1.0	2.1	59.4	52.1

Drugs

- Cocaine

Cocaine poses the most serious illicit drug threat to Minnesota. In the first quarter of FY 2002, powder cocaine sold for \$70-\$150 per gram, \$700-\$2,000 per ounce, and

\$18,000-\$28,000 per kilogram. While crack sold for \$15-\$25 per rock in Minneapolis, it sold for as much as \$100 per rock in other areas of the state.²⁶

- **Heroin**
Heroin distribution and use are not significant problems in Minnesota. However, recent reports indicate that there has been an increase in heroin use, especially in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area.²⁷ Southeast Asian and Mexican brown powdered heroin are the most prevalent types of heroin found in Minnesota. Heroin prices range from \$50 to \$300 per gram and \$2,000 to \$5,000 per ounce throughout the state.²⁸
- **Marijuana**
Marijuana remains the most commonly used and readily available drug in the state.²⁹ In the first quarter of FY 2002, marijuana sold for \$5-\$10 per gram, \$100-\$300 per ounce, and \$600-\$800 per pound in Minnesota.³⁰
- **Methamphetamine**
As the second greatest drug threat in the state (after cocaine), methamphetamine is increasingly available and its production is expanding throughout Minnesota. In the first quarter of FY 2002, methamphetamine sold for \$80-\$150 per gram, \$600-\$1,500 per ounce, and \$6,000-\$14,000 per pound. Higher purity crystal methamphetamine, which is increasingly available in the state, sells for \$800 per quarter-ounce in areas of Minnesota.³¹
- **Club Drugs**
Club drug use in Minnesota is most common among young people at raves and nightclubs in suburban areas.³² The availability and abuse of MDMA are increasing in Minnesota. MDMA typically sells for \$15-\$30 per tablet. GHB sells for \$10 per dose. In the first quarter of FY 2002, LSD sold for \$2-\$5.³³
- **Other Drugs**
The abuse of diverted controlled substances continues to be a problem in Minnesota. The substances most commonly diverted from the licit market are Nubain, Kilaudid, Ritalin, Vicodin, OxyContin, codeine products, benzodiazepines, and the anorectic drugs Phentermine and Phendimetrazine.³⁴
- According to 1999-2000 data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, 39.7% of Minnesota citizens ages 12 and older felt that smoking marijuana once a month posed a great risk.³⁵

Percent of Citizens Reporting Drug Use, by Age, Minnesota, 1999-2000 Data

	12-17	18-25	26 +	All ages
Past month use of any illicit drug	11.03%	16.74%	3.34%	5.97%
Past month use of marijuana	9.13	15.08	2.27	4.73
Past month use of illicit drug other than marij.	4.03	5.65	1.73	2.51
Past year cocaine use	2.02	4.88	1.01	1.64
Great risk of smoking marijuana once a month	36.54	25.89	42.60	39.71

- According to 2000 data from the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse, approximately 1.15% of Minnesota citizens reported past year dependence on illicit drugs.³⁶

Percent of Citizens Reporting Dependence, Minnesota, 2000

	12-17	18-25	26 +	All ages
Illicit drug dependence	2.40%	3.05%	0.63%	1.15%
Illicit drug dependence or abuse	4.61	3.78	1.04	1.79
Alcohol dependence	1.69	5.72	1.96	2.43
Alcohol dependence or abuse	5.48	14.87	3.86	5.52
Alcohol or illicit drug dependence or abuse	7.59	16.13	4.46	6.37

Juveniles

- Thirty-five percent of male 12th graders and 28% of female 12th graders surveyed in Minnesota during 2001 reported that they have used marijuana in the past year.³⁷

Percent of Students Reporting Use of Marijuana and Inhalants, Minnesota, 2001

	<u>6th Grade</u>		<u>9th Grade</u>		<u>12th Grade</u>	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Past year marijuana use	3%	2%	28%	18%	35%	28%
Past month marijuana use	2	1	16	13	25	18
Past year inhalant use	4	3	5	5	5	2

- Nine percent of male 12th graders and 8% of female 12th graders reporting that they have taken amphetamines in the past year.³⁸

Percent of Students Reporting Past Year Use of Illicit Drugs, Minnesota, 2001

<u>Drug Type</u>	<u>9th Grade</u>		<u>12th Grade</u>	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Amphetamines	7%	8%	9%	8%
Methamphetamine	5	4	8	5
Crack	5	4	7	5
MDMA	5	4	8	6
LSD, PCP, other psychedelics	5	4	10	5
Heroin, other narcotics	4	2	4	2
Barbiturates, tranquilizers	4	4	5	4

- Twenty-eight percent of male 12th graders reported using alcohol or other drugs right after school.³⁹

Time of Student Drug Use, Minnesota, 2001

<u>Time of Drug Use</u>	<u>6th Grade</u>		<u>9th Grade</u>		<u>12th Grade</u>	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Before school	2%	1%	12%	8%	20%	9%
During school	1	1	8	5	17	7
Right after school	3	2	17	15	28	16

- Among Minnesota female 12th graders who bought drugs in the past month, 86% obtained the drugs from friends.⁴⁰

Means of Obtaining Drugs, Minnesota, 2001

Means of Obtaining Drugs	9th Grade		12th Grade	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Bought them from people I know	65%	53%	70%	55%
Bought them from people I don't know	19	13	20	13
Bought them on the internet	4	1	3	0
Got them from friends	78	88	78	86
Got them from family members	16	16	9	9
Got someone else to buy for me	20	23	15	14
Got them at parties	40	52	43	50
Took them from home	12	10	6	3
Took them from a friend's home	18	14	9	5

- More than 40% of male and female 12th grade drug users reported that their reason to use drugs was to have fun at parties.⁴¹

Reasons for Substance Use, Minnesota, 2001

Reasons for Using Drugs	9th Grade		12th Grade	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
To relax	16%	15%	37%	28%
To get high or smashed	17	15	32	23
To have fun at parties	20	25	45	47
To escape from school, family, or problems	9	14	16	19
Because my parents aren't around	5	7	7	6
Because my friends do	9	11	16	14
Because my parents do	2	2	2	1
Because I like the taste	13	15	24	23
Because I'm sad, lonely, or angry	4	8	6	8
Because it's illegal	6	5	9	5
Because of peer pressure	5	6	7	5

- During 2001, nearly 1,300 seventeen year olds were arrested in Minnesota for narcotics violations.⁴²

Juvenile Arrests for Drug Violations, by Age and Drug Type, Minnesota, 2001

Drug Type	Under						Total
	10	10-12	12-14	15	16	17	
Opium/cocaine	5	5	16	36	56	87	205
Marijuana	11	63	475	624	973	1,119	3,265
Synthetic	0	1	10	4	8	8	31
Other	3	4	47	39	69	82	244
Total	19	73	548	703	1,106	1,296	3,745

- There were 12 juvenile arrests in Minnesota during 2001 for murder/non-negligent manslaughter.⁴³

Number of Juvenile Arrests for Part One Offenses, Minnesota, 2001

Offense	Arrests
Murder/non-negligent manslaughter	12
Forcible rape	159
Robbery	277
Assault	785
Burglary	1,203
Larceny	9,112
Motor vehicle theft	911
Arson	137
Total Part One offense arrests	12,596

Enforcement

- In 2001, there were 6,367 full-time law enforcement employees in Minnesota (5,006 sworn personnel and 1,361 civilians).⁴⁴
- Multi-Agency Drug Lab Task Force⁴⁵
The purpose of the Minnesota Multi-Agency Drug Lab Task Force is to share resources, raise awareness, protect endangered children, and provide training and equipment for first responders and other at-risk staff.

Trafficking and Seizures

- While most of the illicit drugs found in Minnesota are transported from Mexico and southwestern states, there is also the threat of drugs (especially marijuana and MDMA) being smuggled across the U.S.-Canada border.⁴⁶
- In 2001, Minnesota drug task forces seized more than 77 kilograms of cocaine. This is a decrease from the 93 kilograms seized in 2000, but an increase over the 56 kilograms seized in 1999.⁴⁷
- During 2001, Federal agencies seized 798 kilograms of marijuana in Minnesota.⁴⁸

Amount of Drugs Seized by Federal Agencies, Minnesota, 2001

Drug Type	Amount Seized (in kilograms)
Cocaine	31.8
Heroin	13.5
Methamphetamine	2.1
Marijuana	798.2

- In 2001, a total of 3,552 cultivated marijuana plants were eradicated in Minnesota under the DEA's Domestic Cannabis Eradication/Suppression Program.⁴⁹

Number of Marijuana Plants Eradicated and Seized, Minnesota, 2001

<u>Outdoor Operations</u>		<u>Indoor Operations</u>		Total Plants Eradicated
Plots Eradicated	Cultivated Plants Eradicated	Grows Seized	Plants Eradicated	
18	1,432	42	2,120	3,552

- The DEA and State and local authorities seized 131 methamphetamine labs in Minnesota during 2001. In 1996, 13 methamphetamine labs were reported seized in Minnesota.⁵⁰

Methamphetamine Labs Seized, Minnesota, 1996-2001

Year	Labs Seized
1996	13
1997	9
1998	34
1999	100
2000	119
2001	131

Courts

- Drug Courts⁵¹
As of January 2003, there were nine drug courts in operation or being planned in Minnesota. One drug court has been operating for more than two years, three drug courts have recently been implemented, and five drug courts are being planned.
- During FY 2001, approximately 42% of the Federally-sentenced defendants in Minnesota had committed drug offenses. Approximately 32% of the drug offenses involved methamphetamine.⁵²

Federal Sentencing Statistics, Drug Offenses, Minnesota, FY 2001

Drug Type Involved	Offenses	% of Total
Methamphetamine	53	32.3%
Powder cocaine	46	28.0
Crack cocaine	37	22.6
Marijuana	18	11.0
Heroin	1	0.6
Other	9	5.5

Corrections

- On July 1, 2002, there were nearly 7,000 adult inmates within the Minnesota Department of Corrections. Approximately 20% of the inmates committed drug offenses.⁵³

Adult Inmates, by Type of Offense, Minnesota, July 1, 2002

Type of Offense	# of Offenders	% of Total
Person	3,731	54.2%
Drug	1,337	19.5
Property	1,097	16.0
Other/not reported	705	10.3

- During FY 2002, the juvenile offender population within the Minnesota Department of Corrections was 164.⁵⁴
- The Minnesota Department of Corrections consists of 8 adult facilities and 2 juvenile facilities.⁵⁵
- At the end of 2001, there were 113,613 adults on probation and 3,156 adults on parole in Minnesota.⁵⁶

Consequences of Use

- Preliminary data indicate that there were 3,358 drug-related emergency department (ED) episodes in Minneapolis from January to June 2002. During full year 2001, there were 6,521 ED drug episodes in Minneapolis.⁵⁷

Number of ED Drug Mentions, Selected Drugs, Minneapolis, 1998-June 2002

Drug Type	Full Year 1998	Full Year 1999	Full Year 2000	Full Year 2001	Jan.-June 2002
Alcohol-in-combination	1,491	1,678	1,780	2,238	1,094
Cocaine	775	814	841	1,105	681
Heroin	145	182	228	338	180
Marijuana	490	625	803	1,200	620
Amphetamine	44	101	189	226	100
Methamphetamine	109	112	153	321	182
MDMA (Ecstasy)	2	16	65	77	46
Ketamine	0	1	1	3	7
LSD	51	64	58	19	10
PCP	7	18	20	24	36
Miscell. hallucinogens	20	31	46	50	42
Rohypnol	--	0	--	1	--
GHB	8	33	93	68	11
Inhalants	39	24	23	26	6
Total ED drug episodes	4,328	4,643	5,197	6,521	3,358
Total ED drug mentions	8,097	8,949	10,090	12,300	6,359

Treatment

- In 2001, there were 42,684 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Minnesota.⁵⁸ This is up from the 40,150 admissions in 2000.⁵⁹ During 1999, there were 41,152 admissions to drug/alcohol treatment in Minnesota.⁶⁰

Number of Admissions to Treatment, Minnesota, 1999-2001

Drug Type	1999		2000		2001	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Alcohol only	14,920	36.3	14,176	35.3	15,299	35.8
Alc. w/ second. drug	9,437	22.9	9,042	22.5	8,931	20.9
Cocaine – smoked	--	0.0	2	0.0	--	0.0
Cocaine – other route	4,807	11.7	4,192	10.4	4,055	9.5
Marijuana	7,692	18.7	8,050	20.0	8,251	19.3
Heroin	988	2.4	985	2.5	979	2.3
Other opiates	467	1.1	571	1.4	700	1.6
PCP	8	0.0	18	0.0	25	0.1
Hallucinogens	143	0.3	153	0.4	135	0.3
Amphetamines	1,176	2.9	1,698	4.2	2,707	6.3
Other stimulants	20	0.0	26	0.1	35	0.1
Tranquilizers	160	0.4	176	0.4	169	0.4
Sedatives	45	0.1	59	0.1	53	0.1
Inhalants	33	0.1	31	0.1	45	0.1
Other/none specified	1,256	3.1	971	2.4	1,300	3.0
Total	41,152	100.0	40,150	100.0	42,684	100.0

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